

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires restriction between the subject matter of Group I (claims 1-9, 17 and 18 directed to a pressure sensitive adhesive sheet) and Group II (claims 10-15 and 19 directed to a method of removing a solvent containing substance).

It appears that the Examiner inadvertently failed to include claim 16 in the Group I listing of claims, and applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the inclusion of claim 16 in Group I.

In response, applicants elect for purpose of examination the invention of Group I - i.e., claims 1-9, 16, 17 and 18.

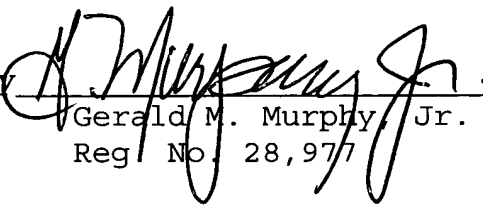
With regard to the election of species, applicants elect for purposes of examination the species B which relates to an adhesive sheet with a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, which absorbs 5 g/m<sup>2</sup> or more of solvent after being immersed in solvent for one second. Claims 2-4, 8 and 9 read on the elected species.


In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact James W. Hellwege (Reg. No. 28,808) at (703) 205-8000 to discuss such matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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